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State of ILLINOIS

County of COOK

Case Number: 07CH18656

Plaintiff:

INSPE ASSOCIATES, LTD.

VS.

Defendant:

MATT TARANTO, D/B/A AESTHETIC CONSULTING GROUP, AND JOHN DOES 1-10

For:

EDLEMAN, COMBS, LATTURNER, & GOODWIN, LL 120 S Lasalle St 18th Floor

Chicago, IL 60603

Received by D & B Legal Services, Inc. to be served on **AESTHETIC CONSULTING GROUP, 5001 COLLEGE BLVD STE 216, LEAWOOD, KS 66211**.

I, BILL POWELL, being duly sworn, depose and say that on the 23rd day of July, 2007 at 9:00 am, I:

served a CORPORATION by delivering a true copy of the Summons and Complaint with the date and hour of service endorsed thereon by me, to: MATT TARANTO as REPRESENTATIVE for AESTHETIC CONSULTING GROUP, at the address of: 5001 COLLEGE BLVD STE 216, LEAWOOD, KS 66211.

I certify that I am over the age of 18 and have no interest in the above action and the foregoing statements made by me are true and correct.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on the 23rd day of July, 2007

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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INSPE ASSOCIATES, LTD.,	CLERK OF CIKED TOOURT PROBATE DINJSHIT
Plaintiff,)
v.) 07 CH 18656
MATT TARANTO, doing business as AESTHETIC CONSULTING GROUP, and JOHN DOES 1-10,))))
Defendants)

NOTICE OF FILING

TO: Please see certificate of service.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 10, 2007, plaintiff is filing the attached documents with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, copies of which are attached hereto and hereby served upon you: PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR CLASS CERTIFICATION.

Daniel A. Edelman
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James O. Latturner
Julie Clark
EDELMAN, COMBS, LATTURNER & GOODWIN, LLC
120 S. LaSalle Street, 18th floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
(312) 739-4200
Atty. No. 41106

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Julie Clark, certify that on September 10, 2007 I caused a true and accurate copy of this notice and the documents referenced therein to be served via certified and US mail upon the belowmentioned party.

Matt Taranto d/b/a Aesthetic Consulting Group 5001 College Blvd. Suite 216 Leawood, KS 66211

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PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR CLASS CERTIFICATION

Plaintiff, INSPE Associates, Ltd., respectfully requests pursuant to 735-ILCS 5/2-

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801 et seq., that this Court certify the following classes, as described in Plaintiff's Class Action

Complaint:

Defendants.

All persons with Illinois fax numbers (1) who, on or after July 16, 2003, or such shorter period during which faxes were sent by or on behalf of Aesthetic Consulting Group, Inc. (2) were sent faxes by or on behalf of defendant Aesthetic Consulting Group promoting its goods or services for sale, (3) and with respect to whom defendant cannot provide evidence of express consent or an established business relationship prior to the faxing. (Count I)

All persons with Illinois fax numbers (1) who, on or after July 16, 2004, or such shorter period during which faxes were sent by or on behalf of defendant Aesthetic Consulting Group (2) were sent faxes by or on behalf Aesthetic Consulting Group promoting its goods or services for sale, (3) and with respect to whom defendant cannot provide evidence of express consent or an established business relationship prior to the faxing. (Count II)

All persons with Illinois fax numbers (1) who, on or after July 16, 2002 or such shorter period during which faxes were sent by or on behalf of defendant Aesthetic Consulting Group (2) were sent faxes by or on behalf of Aesthetic Consulting Group promoting its goods or services for sale, (3) and with respect to whom defendant

cannot provide evidence of express consent or an established business relationship prior to the faxing. (Count III)

Several courts have certified class actions under the TCPA. Lampkin v. GGH, Inc., 146 P.3d 847 (Ok. App., 2006); Rawson v. C.P. Partners d/b/a Comfort Inn-O'Hare, 03 CH 15165 (Cook Co. Cir. Ct.); Telecommunications Design Network v. McLeodUSA, Inc., 03 CH 8477 (Cook Co. Cir. Ct.); CE Design v. Trade Show Network Marketing Group, Inc., No. 03 CH K 964 (Cir. Ct. Kane Co., Dec. 2, 2004); Travel 100 Group, Inc. v. Empire Cooler Service, Inc., 03 CH14510 (Cook Co. Cir. Ct.); Bogot v. Olympic Funding Chicago, No. 03 CH 11887 (Cook Co. Cir. Ct.); Stonecrafters, Inc. v. Wholesale Life Ins. Brokerage, Inc., 03 CH 435 (McHenry Co. Cir. Ct.); Rawson v. Robin Levin d/b/a The Ridgewood Organization, 03 CH 10844 (Cook Co. Cir. Ct.) (for settlement purposes); Kerschner v. Answer Illinois, Inc., 03 CH 21621 (Cook Co. Cir. Ct.) (for settlement purposes); Kerschner v. Murray and Trettel, Inc., 03 CH 21621 (Cook Co. Cir. Ct.) (for settlement purposes); Prints of Peace, Inc., d/b/a Printers, Inc. v. Enovation Graphic System, Inc., 03 CH 15167 (Cook Co. Cir. Ct.) (for settlement purposes); Law Office of Martha J. White, P.C. v. Morrissey Agency Inc., 03 CH 13549 (Cook Co. Cir. Ct.) (for settlement purposes); Kerschner v. Fitness Image, Inc., 04 CH 00331 (Cook Co. Cir. Ct.) (for settlement purposes); INSPE Associates, Ltd.. v. Charter One Bank, 03 CH 10965 (Cook Co. Cir. Ct.) (for settlement purposes); Bernstein v. New Century Mortgage Corp., 02 CH 06907 (Cook Co. Cir. Ct.) (for settlement purposes); Gans v Seventeen Motors, Inc., 01-L-478 (Madison Co. Cir. Ct.) (for settlement purposes); Telecommunications Network Design, Inc. v. Paradise Distributing, Inc., 03 CH 8483 (Cir. Ct. Cook Co., Feb. 1, 2006); Nicholson v. Hooters of Augusta, Inc., 245 Ga.App. 363, 537 S.E.2d 468 (2000); ESI Ergonomic Solutions, LLC v. United Artists Theatre Circuit, Inc., 203 Ariz. (App.) 94, 50 P.3d 844 (2002); Core Funding Group, LLC v. Young, 792 N.E.2d 547 (Ind.App. 2003); General Repair Services of Central Indiana, Inc. v. Soff-Cut International, Inc., 49D03-0109-CP-1464 (Marion Co., Ind. Super. Ct., Feb. 22, 2002); Gold Seal v. PrimeTV, No. 49C01-0112-CP-3010 (Marion County, Indiana, August 29, 2002); Kenro, Inc. v. APO Health, Inc., No. 49D12-0101-CP-000016 (Ind. Nov. 3, 2001) (same); Biggerstaff v. Ramada Inn and Coliseum, 98-CP-10-004722, (S.C. C.P., Feb. 3, 2000); Biggerstaff v. Marriott International, Inc., 99-CP-10-001366 (C.P. S.C., Feb 20, 2000); WPS, Inc. v. Lobel Financial, Inc., No 01CP402029 (C.P. S.C., Oct. 15, 2001) (same); Syrett v. Allstate Ins. Co., No. CP-02-32-0751 (S.C.C.P. Aug. 12, 2003) (same); Lipscomb v Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., No. 01-CP-20-263 (S.C.C.P. June 26, 2003) (same); Battery, Inc. v. United Parcel Service, Inc., No. 01-CP-10-2862 July 26, 2002) (same); Salpietro v. Resort Exchange International, No. GD00-9071 (Allegheny Co. C.P.)(same); Chaturvedi v. JTH Tax, Inc., No. CD-01-008851 (Pa. C.P. Oct 1, 2001) (same); Inhance Corp. v. Discount Vacation Rentals, No. LALA 004377 (Iowa Dist. Jan. 5, 2001) (same); Inhance Corp. v. Special T Travel Services, Inc., No. LALA 004362 (Iowa Dist. Dec. 8, 2000) (same). Several others were certified in a Louisiana federal court, against Kappa Publishing Group, Monroe Systems, and Satellink Paging (The Advocate, Capital City Press, Dec. 28, 2005, p. 1).

Plaintiff will file a supporting Memorandum of Law in due course.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter an order pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-801, certifying the classes set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Clark

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EXHIBIT D

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired. Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you. Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits. 1. Article Addressed to: Attach Addressed to: Consulting Group	A. Signature A. Signature A. Signature A. Signature Addresse B. Received by (Printed Name) D. Is delivery address different from item 17 Ses If YES, enter delivery address below:
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Julie Clark, certify that I had a copy of the foregoing document sent on August 27, 2007 by United States Mail to the parties named below:

Matt Taranto d/b/a Aesthetic Consulting Group 5001 College Blvd. Suite 216 Leawood, KS 66211

Julie Clark

Atty. No. 41106

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

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and JOHN DOES 1-10,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR DESIGNATION OF RELATEDNESS

Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter an order designating this case as related to all other cases alleging violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TEPA") currently pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County pursuant to General Order 22. A copy of plaintiff's complaint is attached hereto as Appendix A.

Plaintiff further requests that this Court enter an order reassigning this case to Judge Rochford. In support of this motion, plaintiff states the following:

1. On May 28, 2002, the parties in Whiting Corp. v. PageComm of Illinois, 02 CH 6335, and Construction Consulting Group v. PageComm of Illinois, 02 CH 7824, were before Judge Kinnaird on motions to consolidate those cases. At that hearing, Judge Kinnaird instructed the respective plaintiffs' counsels to make motions for designation of relatedness of their TCPA cases currently pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County. This motion is submitted pursuant to that instruction.

- Previously, fax cases were reassigned to Judge McGann. 2.
- Judge McGann has recently been reassigned to the County Division. 3.
- Because the earliest pending TCPA case which is not assigned to Judge 4. McGann, Telecommunications Network v. Bach Business Credit Inc., 03 CH 9246, (Appendix B) is assigned to Judge Donnersberger, this Court ordered fax cases filed after Judge McGann transferred divisions, reassigned to Judge Donnersberger. Scott R. Fladland D.C. v. Sourceone Healthcare, Inc., 05 CH 20090. (Appendix C)
 - Presently, Judge Rochford is presiding over TCPA related matters. 5.
 - The defendant will not be prejudiced by the granting of this motion. 6.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter an order, attached hereto as Appendix D, designating this case as related to other cases alleging violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA") currently pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County pursuant to General Order 22 and reassigning this matter to Judge Rochford.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIXA

Atty. No. 41106 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION			ois
INSPE ASSOCIATES, LTD.,)		
Plaintiff,)	07CH	18656
v.)		
MATT TARANTO, doing business as AESTHETIC CONSULTING GROUP,)))		

and JOHN DOES 1-10,

Defendants.

COMPLAINT - CLASS ACTION

MATTERS COMMON TO MULTIPLE COUNTS

INTRODUCTION

- 1. Plaintiff INSPE Associates, Ltd. brings this action to secure redress for the actions of defendant Matt Taranto doing business as Aesthetic Consulting Group, in sending or causing the sending of unsolicited advertisements to telephone facsimile machines in violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. §227 ("TCPA"), the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act, 815 ILCS 505/2 ("ICFA"), and the common law.
- 2. The TCPA expressly prohibits unsolicited fax advertising. Unsolicited fax advertising damages the recipients. The recipient is deprived of its paper and ink or toner and the use of its fax machine. The recipient also wastes valuable time it would have spent on something else. Unsolicited faxes prevent fax machines from receiving and sending authorized faxes, cause wear and tear on fax machines, and require labor to attempt to identify the source and purpose of the unsolicited faxes.

PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff INSPE Associates, Ltd. is a corporation with offices in Chicago, Illinois, where it maintains telephone facsimile equipment.
- Defendant Matt Taranto conducts business as Aesthetic Consulting Group ("ACG") at 5001 College Blvd., Suite 216, Leawood, KS 66211.
- 5. Defendants John Does 1-10 are other natural or artificial persons that were involved in the sending of the facsimile advertisements described below. Plaintiff does not know who they are.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 6. Personal jurisdiction exists under 735 ILCS 5/2-209, in that defendants:
- a. Have committed tortious acts in Illinois by causing the transmission of unlawful communications into the state.
 - b. Have transacted business in Illinois.

FACTS

- 7. On or about June 12, 2007, plaintiff INSPE Associates, Ltd. received the unsolicited fax advertisement attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> on its facsimile machine.
 - 8. Discovery may reveal the transmission of additional faxes as well.
- Defendant ACG is responsible for sending or causing the sending of the faxes.
- 10. Defendant ACG, as the party whose products or services were advertised in the faxes, derived economic benefit from the sending of the faxes.
 - 11. Plaintiff had no prior relationship with defendant and had not authorized

the sending of fax advertisements to plaintiff.

- 12. The faxes have a "remove" number at the bottom that is associated with the mass broadcasting of advertising faxes.
- 13. On information and belief, the faxes attached hereto were sent as part of a mass broadcasting of faxes.
- 14. On information and belief, defendants have transmitted similar unsolicited fax advertisements to at least 40 other persons in Illinois.
- 15. There is no reasonable means for plaintiff or other recipients of defendants' unsolicited advertising faxes to avoid receiving illegal faxes. Fax machines must be left on and ready to receive the urgent communications authorized by their owners.

COUNT I-TCPA

- 16. Plaintiff incorporates ¶¶ 1-15.
- 17. The TCPA makes unlawful the "use of any telephone facsimile machine, computer or other device to send an unsolicited advertisement to a telephone facsimile machine ..." 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(1)(C).
 - 18. The TCPA, 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(3), provides:

Private right of action.

A person or entity may, if otherwise permitted by the laws or rules of court of a State, bring in an appropriate court of that State—

- (A) an action based on a violation of this subsection or the regulations prescribed under this subsection to enjoin such violation,
- (B) an action to recover for actual monetary loss from such a violation, or to receive \$500 in damages for each such violation, whichever is greater, or

(C) both such actions.

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If the Court finds that the defendant willfully or knowingly violated this subsection or the regulations prescribed under this subsection, the court may, in its discretion, increase the amount of the award to an amount equal to not more than 3 times the amount available under the subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

- 19. Plaintiff and each class member suffered damages as a result of receipt of the unsolicited faxes, in the form of paper and ink or toner consumed as a result. Furthermore, plaintiff's statutory right of privacy was invaded.
 - 20. Plaintiff and each class member is entitled to statutory damages.
 - 21. Defendants violated the TCPA even if their actions were only negligent.
- 22. Defendants should be enjoined from committing similar violations in the future.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 23. Plaintiff brings this claim on behalf of a class, consisting of (a) all persons (b) who, on or after a date four years prior to the filing of this action (28 U.S.C. §1658), or such shorter period during which faxes were sent by or on behalf of defendant ACG, and on or before a date 20 days following the filing of this action, (c) were sent faxes by or on behalf of defendant ACG promoting its goods or services for sale (d) and with respect to whom defendant cannot provide evidence of express consent or an established business relationship prior to the faxing.
- 24. The class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impractical.

 Plaintiff alleges on information and belief that there are more than 40 members of the class.
- 25. There are questions of law and fact common to the class that predominate over any questions affecting only individual class members. The predominant common

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- a. Whether defendants engaged in a pattern of sending unsolicited fax advertisements;
- b. The manner in which defendants compiled or obtained their list of fax numbers;
 - c. Whether defendants thereby violated the TCPA;
- d. Whether defendants thereby engaged in unfair acts and practices, in violation of the ICFA.
 - e. Whether defendants thereby converted the property of plaintiff.
- 26. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class.

 Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in handling class actions and claims involving unlawful business practices. Neither plaintiff nor plaintiff's counsel have any interests which might cause them not to vigorously pursue this action.
- 27. A class action is an appropriate method for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. The interest of class members in individually controlling the prosecution of separate claims against defendants is small because it is not economically feasible to bring individual actions.
- 28. Several courts have certified class actions under the TCPA. Travel 100

 Group, Inc. v. Empire Cooler Service, Inc., 03 CH 14510 (Cook Co. Cir. Ct., Oct. 19, 2004);

 Rawson v. C.P. Partners LLC, 03 CH 14510 (Cook Co. Cir. Ct., Sept. 30, 2005); ESI Ergonomic Solutions, LLC v. United Artists Theatre Circuit, Inc., 50 P.3d 844 (Ariz. App. 2002); Core Funding Group, LLC v. Young, 792 N.E.2d 547 (Ind.App. 2003); Nicholson v. Hooters of

Augusta, Inc., 245 Ga.App. 363, 537 S.E.2d 468 (2000) (private class actions); see State of Texas v. American Blast Fax, Inc., 164 F. Supp. 2d 892 (W.D. Tex. 2001) (state enforcement action).

29. Management of this class action is likely to present significantly fewer difficulties that those presented in many class actions, e.g. for securities fraud.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff requests that the Court enter judgment in favor of plaintiff and the class and against defendants for:

- a. Actual damages;
- b. Statutory damages;
- c. An injunction against the further transmission of unsolicited fax advertising;
 - d. Costs of suit;
 - e. Such other or further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

COUNT II - ILLINOIS CONSUMER FRAUD ACT

- 30. Plaintiff incorporates ¶¶ 1-15.
- 31. Defendants engaged in unfair acts and practices, in violation of ICFA § 2, 815 ILCS 505/2, by sending unsolicited fax advertising to plaintiff and others.
- 32. Unsolicited fax advertising is contrary to the TCPA and also Illinois law.
 720 ILCS 5/26-3(b) makes it a petty offense to transmit unsolicited fax advertisements to Illinois residents.
- 33. Defendants engaged in an unfair practice by engaging in conduct that is contrary to public policy, unscrupulous, and caused injury to recipients of their advertising.

- 34. Plaintiff and each class member suffered damages as a result of receipt of the unsolicited faxes, in the form of paper and ink or toner consumed as a result.
 - 35. Defendants engaged in such conduct in the course of trade and commerce.
- 36. Defendants' conduct caused recipients of their advertising to bear the cost thereof. This gave defendants an unfair competitive advantage over businesses that advertise lawfully, such as by direct mail. For example, an advertising campaign targeting one million recipients would cost \$500,000 if sent by U.S. mail but only \$20,000 if done by fax broadcasting. The reason is that instead of spending \$480,000 on printing and mailing his ad, the fax broadcaster misappropriates the recipients' paper and ink. "Receiving a junk fax is like getting junk mail with the postage due". Remarks of Cong. Edward Markey, 135 Cong Rec E 2549, Tuesday, July 18, 1989, 101st Cong. 1st Sess.
- Defendants' shifting of advertising costs to plaintiff and the class members in this manner makes such practice unfair. In addition, defendants' conduct was contrary to public policy, as established by the TCPA and Illinois statutory and common law.
- 38. Defendants should be enjoined from committing similar violations in the future.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

39. Plaintiff brings this claim on behalf of a class, consisting of (a) all persons with Illinois fax numbers (b) who, on or after a date three years prior to the filing of this action, or such shorter period during which faxes were sent by or on behalf of defendant ACG, and on or before a date 20 days following the filing of this action, (c) were sent faxes by or on behalf of defendant ACG promoting its goods or services for sale (d) and with respect to whom defendant

cannot provide evidence of express consent or an established business relationship prior to the faxing.

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- The class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impractical. 40. Plaintiff alleges on information and belief that there are more than 40 members of the class.
- There are questions of law and fact common to the class that predominate 41. over any questions affecting only individual class members. The predominant common questions include:
- Whether defendants engaged in a pattern of sending unsolicited fax a. advertisements;
 - Whether defendants thereby violated the TCPA; b.
- Whether defendants thereby engaged in unfair acts and practices, in c. violation of the ICFA.
 - Whether defendants thereby converted the property of plaintiff. d.
- Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class. 42. Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in handling class actions and claims involving unlawful business practices. Neither plaintiff nor plaintiff's counsel have any interests which might cause them not to vigorously pursue this action.
- A class action is an appropriate method for the fair and efficient 43. adjudication of this controversy. The interest of class members in individually controlling the prosecution of separate claims against defendants is small because it is not economically feasible to bring individual actions.
 - Management of this class action is likely to present significantly fewer 44.

difficulties that those presented in many class actions, e.g. for securities fraud.

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WHEREFORE, plaintiff requests that the Court enter judgment in favor of plaintiff and the class and against defendants for:

- a. Appropriate damages;
- b. An injunction against the further transmission of unsolicited fax advertising;
 - c. Attorney's fees, litigation expenses and costs of suit;
 - d. Such other or further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

COUNT III - CONVERSION

- 45. Plaintiff incorporates ¶ 1-15.
- 46. By sending plaintiff and the class members unsolicited faxes, defendants converted to their own use ink or toner and paper belonging to plaintiff and the class members.
- 47. Immediately prior to the sending of the unsolicited faxes, plaintiff and the class members owned and had an unqualified and immediate right to the possession of the paper and ink or toner used to print the faxes.
- 48. By sending the unsolicited faxes, defendants appropriated to their own use the paper and ink or toner used to print the faxes and used them in such manner as to make them unusable. Such appropriation was wrongful and without authorization.
- 49. Defendants knew or should have known that such appropriation of the paper and ink or toner was wrongful and without authorization.
- 50. Plaintiff and the class members were deprived of the paper and ink or toner, which could no longer be used for any other purpose. Plaintiff and each class member

thereby suffered damages as a result of receipt of the unsolicited faxes.

51. Defendants should be enjoined from committing similar violations in the future.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 52. Plaintiff brings this claim on behalf of a class, consisting of (a) all persons with Illinois fax numbers (b) who, on or after a date five years prior to the filing of this action, or such shorter period during which faxes were sent by or on behalf of defendant ACG, and on or before a date 20 days following the filing of this action, (c) were sent faxes by or on behalf of defendant ACG promoting its goods or services for sale (d) and with respect to whom defendant cannot provide evidence of express consent or an established business relationship prior to the faxing.
- 53. The class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impractical.

 Plaintiff alleges on information and belief that there are more than 40 members of the class.
- 54. There are questions of law and fact common to the class that predominate over any questions affecting only individual class members. The predominant common questions include:
- a. Whether defendants engaged in a pattern of sending unsolicited fax advertisements;
 - b. Whether defendants thereby violated the TCPA;
 - Whether defendants thereby committed the tort of conversion;
- d. Whether defendants thereby engaged in unfair acts and practices, in violation of the ICFA.

- e. Whether defendants thereby converted the property of plaintiff.
- 55. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class.

 Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in handling class actions and claims involving unlawful business practices. Neither plaintiff nor plaintiff's counsel have any interests which might cause them not to vigorously pursue this action.
- 56. A class action is an appropriate method for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. The interest of class members in individually controlling the prosecution of separate claims against defendants is small because it is not economically feasible to bring individual actions.
- 57. Management of this class action is likely to present significantly fewer difficulties that those presented in many class actions, e.g. for securities fraud.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff requests that the Court enter judgment in favor of plaintiff and the class and against defendants for:

- a. Appropriate damages;
- b. An injunction against the further transmission of unsolicited fax
 - c. Costs of suit;
 - d. Such other or further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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APPENDIX B

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

DESIGN, INC., an Illinois corporation,
individually and as the representative for
a class of similarly-situated persons

Plaintiff, WN

Plaintiff, WN

BACH BUSINESS CREDIT, INC.,

Defendant.

Defendant.

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK DESIGN, INC. (herein "Plaintiff"), brings this action on behalf of itself and all other persons similarly situated through its attorneys, and except as to those allegations that pertain to Plaintiff or its attorneys, which allegations are based upon personal knowledge, alleges the following upon information and belief against Defendant, BACH BUSINESS CREDIT, INC. (herein "Defendant"):

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. This case challenges Defendant's policy and practice of sending unsolicited faxes to fax machines throughout the United States even when it knows or should know that it did not have the recipient's permission to receive advertising from Defendant and had no procedures in place to retain recipient permission required by state and federal law.
- 2. 47 USC § 227(a)(2) prohibits a person or entity from sending or having an agent sent unsolicited faxed advertisements. 47 USC § 227 (a)(2) sets minimum statutory damages for each violation of the Act at \$500.00, which damages can be trebled for knowing or willful violation.

- 3. 720 ILCS 5/26-3(b) makes it a petty criminal offense to transmit unsolicited facsimile advertisements to Illinois residents and sets a \$500.00 fine for each violation of this criminal statute.
- 4. The Illinois and federal statutes, which prohibit the transmittal of unsolicited fax advertisements, recognize that the recipients of such faxes are damaged. Transmittal of unsolicited fax advertisements causes the recipients to pay for paper and ink toner related to the receipt of unsolicited faxes, which items otherwise would have been used for authorized facsimiles. Such transmittals also prevent the recipient fax machines from receiving authorized faxes, cause undue wear and tear on the recipient fax machines, and require additional labor of staff to attempt to discern the source and purpose of the unsolicited message.
- 5. On behalf of itself and all others similarly situated, Plaintiff brings this case as a class action asserting claims against Defendant under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 USC § 227 ("TCPA"), the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, 815 ILCS 505/2, and the common law of conversion.
- 6. Plaintiff seeks an award of statutory damages for each violation, punitive damages and attorney fees for Defendant's willful and intentional violation of state and federal law.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 7. Jurisdiction is conferred by 735 ILCS 5/2-209 in that Defendant has transacted business and committed tortious acts related to the matters complained of herein. Defendant is authorized and licensed to do business in this state. Defendant's office located in living, California, was the originator of the fax transmission at issue in this case.
- 8. Venne is proper in Cook County pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-101, et seq. because the illegal fax transmission took place between Defendant's office in Irvine, California, and

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Plaintiff's office located in Rolling Meadows, Illinois. The wrongful conduct took place within Cook County, Illinois.

9. Federal jurisdiction does not exist because no federal question or claim is asserted and Plaintiff's individual claims are worth less than \$75,000.00, inclusive of all forms of damages and fees. Plaintiff expressly disclaims any individual recovery in excess of \$75,000.00, inclusive of all forms of damages and fees.

PARTIES

- 10. Plaintiff is an Illinois corporation with its offices located in Rolling Meadows,
 Cook County, Illinois.
- 11. Defendant is a California corporation with its principal place of business at 17782 Cowan Avenue, Suite C, Irvine, California.

FACTS

- 12. On or about May 18, 2003, at about 12:06 p.m., Defendant transmitted by telephone facsimile machine an unsolicited advertisement [as defined by 47 USC § 227, et seq. and 720 ILCS 5/26-3(b) and (c)] to a facsimile machine owned by Plaintiff, violating Illinois and federal statutory prohibitions against the transmittal of unsolicited facsimiles. A copy of that facsimile is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit A.
- 13. Plaintiff had no prior business relationship with Defendant and never anthorized Defendant to sent fax advertisements to Plaintiff.
- 14. Defendant failed to disclose the following material information on the facsimile as required by 47 USC § 227(d)(1)(B) and 47 CFR § 68.13(d): (1) the date and time the fax was sent, (2) the identity of the Defendant, and (3) the telephone numbers of the sending machine and of the Defendant. Defendant sent the facsimile to Plaintiff and the other recipients without

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obtaining their prior express invitation or permission. On information and belief, Defendant has sent thousands of similar unsolicited facsimile advertisements throughout the State of Illinois and the United States.

- 15. On information and belief, Defendant sent the fax attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 16. There is no reasonable means for Plaintiff (or any other class member) to avoid receiving illegal faxes. Fax machines are left on and ready to receive the urgent communications their owners desire to receive.

COUNT I TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 47 U.S.C. § 227

- 17. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 18. In accordance with 735 ILCS 5/2-801, Plaintiff brings Count I pursuant to the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227, on behalf of the following class of persons:
 - All persons (1) who on or after a date four years prior to the filing of this action, (2) were sent an advertising fax by Defendant, and (3) with respect to whom Defendant cannot provide evidence of consent or a prior business relationship.
 - 19. A class action is proper in that:
 - (a) On information and belief the class consists of thousands of persons in Illinois and throughout the United States and is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.
 - (b) There are questions of fact or law common to the class that predominate over questions affecting only individual class members, including:
 - (i) Whether Defendant engaged in a pattern of sending unsolicited fax advertisements;

- (ii) The manner and method Defendant used to compile or obtain the list of fax numbers to which it sent Exhibit A and other unsolicited faxed advertisements;
- (iii) Whether Defendant willfully or knowingly violated the provisions of 47 USC § 227;
 - (iv) Whether Defendant engaged in unfair practices;
 - (v) Whether Defendant committed the tort of conversion;
- (vi) Whether Defendant engaged in willful or wanton conduct entitling Plaintiff and the other members of the class to treble damages;
- (vii) Whether Defendant should be enjoined from committing similar violations in the future; and
 - (viii) Whether Defendant violated the provisions of 47 USC § 227.
- 20. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the other class members. Plaintiff has retained counsel who is experienced in handling class actions and claims involving lawful business practices. Neither Plaintiff nor Plaintiff's counsel has any interests adverse or in conflict with the class.
- 21. A class action is an appropriate method for adjudicating this controversy fairly and efficiently. The interest of the individual class members in individually controlling the prosecution of separate claims is small and individual actions are not economically feasible.
- 22. The TCPA makes unlawful the "use of any telephone facsimile machine, computer or other device to send an unsolicited advertisement to a telephone facsimile machine...."
 - 23. The TCPA provides:

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3. Private right of action. A person may, if otherwise permitted by the laws or rules of court of a state, bring in an appropriate court of that state:

- (A) An action based on a violation of this subsection or the regulations prescribed under this subsection to enjoin such violation,
- (B) An action to recover for actual monetary loss from such a violation, or to receive \$500 in damages for each such violation, whichever is greater, or
 - (C) Both such actions.

If the court finds that the defendant willfully or knowingly violated this subsection or the regulations prescribed under this subsection, the court may, in its discretion, increase the amount of the award to an amount equal to not more than three times the amount available under subparagraph (B) of this paragraph. 47 USC § 227(b)(3)

- 24. Defendant violated 47 USC § 227 et seq. by transmitting Exhibit A hereto to Plaintiff and the other members of the class without obtaining their consent and without having had a prior business relationship with them.
- 25. Defendant's actions caused damages to Plaintiff and the other class members, because their receipt of Defendant's unsolicited fax advertisements caused them to lose paper and toner consumed as a result.
- 26. If the evidence shows Defendant's violation was willful, Plaintiff requests that the court treble the damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK DESIGN, INC., individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, demands judgment in its favor and against Defendant, BACH BUSINESS CREDIT, INC., as follows:

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- A. That the court adjudge and decree that the present case may be properly maintained as a class action, appoint Plaintiff as the representative of the class, and appoint Plaintiff's counsel as counsel for the class;
- B. That the court award actual monetary loss from such violations or the sum of \$500.00 in damages for each violation whichever is greater, and, if Defendant's violation was willful, increase the award to three times the amount awarded per violation;
 - C. That the court award attorney's fees costs;
- D. That the court enter an injunction prohibiting Defendant from engaging in the statutory violations at issue in this action; and
- E. Awarding such further relief as the court may deem just and proper, but in any event, not more than \$75,000.00 per individual, inclusive of all damages and fees.

COUNT II CONVERSION

- 27. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 28. In accordance with 735 ILCS 5/2-801, Plaintiff brings Count II for conversion under the common law for the following class of persons:

All persons (1) who on or after a date five years prior to the filing of this action, (2) were sent an advertising fax by Defendant, and (3) with respect to whom Defendant cannot provide evidence of consent or a prior business relationship.

- 29. A class action is proper in that:
- (a) On information and belief the class consists of thousands of persons in Illinois and throughout the United States and is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.

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- (b) There are questions of fact or law common to the class that predominate over all questions affecting only individual class members, including:
 - (i) Whether Defendant engaged in a pattern of sending unsolicited fax advertisements;
 - (ii) The manner and method Defendant used to compile or obtain the list of fax numbers to which it sent Exhibit A and other unsolicited faxed advertisements; and
 - (iii) Whether Defendant committed the tort of conversion.
- 30. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the other class members. Plaintiff has retained counsel who is experienced in handling class actions and claims involving lawful business practices. Neither Plaintiff nor Plaintiff's counsel has any interests adverse or in conflict with the class.
- 31. A class action is an appropriate method for adjudicating this controversy fairly and efficiently. The interest of the individual class members in individually controlling the prosecution of separate claims is small and individual actions are not economically feasible.
- 32. By sending Plaintiff and the other class members unsolicited faxes, Defendant improperly and unlawfully converted their fax machine toner and paper to its own use.
- 33. Immediately prior to the sending of the unsolicited faxes, Plaintiff and the other class members owned an unqualified and immediate right to possession of their fax machine paper and toner.
- 34. By sending the unsolicited faxes, Defendant permanently misappropriated the class members' fax machine toner and paper to Defendant's own use. Such misappropriation was wrongful and without authorization.

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- 35. Defendant knew or should have known that its misappropriation of paper and toner was wrongful and without authorization.
- 36. Plaintiff and the other class members were deprived of paper and toner, which could no longer be used for any other purpose. Plaintiff and each class member thereby suffered damages as a result of their receipt of unsolicited fax advertisements from Defendant.
- 37. Plaintiff and the other members of the class have been damaged by reason of their loss of toner, paper, and the unauthorized and unlawful wear and tear on their facsimile machines.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK DESIGN, INC., individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, demands judgment in its favor and against Defendant, BACH BUSINESS CREDIT, INC., as follows:

- A. That the court adjudge and decree that the present case may be properly maintained as a class action, appoint Plaintiff as the representative of the class, and appoint Plaintiff's counsel as counsel for the class;
 - B. That the court award appropriate damages;
 - C. That the court award costs of suit; and
- D. Awarding such further relief as the court may deem just and proper, but in any event, not more than \$75,000.00 to any individual class member.

COUNT III ILLINOIS CONSUMER FRAUD AND DECEPTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES ACT 815 ILCS 505/2

38. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

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39. In accordance with 735 ILCS 5/2-801, Plaintiff, on behalf of the following class of persons, brings Count III for Defendant's unfair practice of sending unsolicited and unlawful fax advertisements:

All persons in Illinois (1) who on or after a date three years prior to the filing of this action, (2) were sent an advertising fax by Defendant, and (3) with respect to whom Defendant cannot provide evidence of consent or a prior business relationship.

- 40. A class action is proper in that:
- (a) On information and belief the class consists of thousands of persons in Illinois and throughout the United States and is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.
- (b) There are questions of fact or law common to the class that predominate over all questions affecting only individual class members including:
 - (i) Whether Defendant engaged in a pattern of sending unsolicited fax advertisements;
 - (ii) The manner and method Defendant used to compile or obtain the list of fax numbers to which it sent Exhibit A and other unsolicited faxed advertisements;
 - (iii) Whether Defendant's practice of sending unsolicited faxed advertisements violates Illinois public policy;
 - (iv) Whether Defendant's practice of sending unsolicited faxes is an unfair practice under the Consumer Fraud Act; and
 - (v). Whether Defendant should be enjoined from sending unsolicited fax advertising in the future.

41. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the other class members. Plaintiff has retained counsel who is experienced in handling class actions and claims involving lawful business practices. Neither Plaintiff nor Plaintiff's counsel has any interests adverse or in conflict with the class.

- 42. A class action is an appropriate method for adjudicating this controversy fairly and efficiently. The interest of the individual class members in individually controlling the prosecution of separate claims is small and individual actions are not economically feasible.
- 43. Defendant's unsolicited fax practice is an unfair practice, because it violates public policy, because it forced Plaintiff and the other class members to incur expense without any consideration.
- 44. Defendant violated the unfairness predicate of the Act by engaging in an unscrupulous business practice and by violating Illinois statutory public policy, which public policy violations in the aggregate caused substantial injury to hundreds of persons.
- 45. Defendant's misconduct caused damages to Plaintiff and the other members of the class, including the loss of paper, toner, ink, and wear and tear on their facsimile machines.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK DESIGN, INC., individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated demands judgment in its favor and against Defendant, BACH BUSINESS CREDIT, INC., as follows:

- A. That the court adjudge and decree that the present case may be properly maintained as a class action, appoint Plaintiff as the class representative, and appoint Plaintiff's counsel as counsel for the class;
 - B. That the court award damages to Plaintiff and the other class members;
 - That the court award attorney fees and costs;

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D. That the court enter an injunction prohibiting Defendant from sending unsolicited faxed advertisements to Illinois consumers; and

E. Awarding such further relief as the court may deem just and proper, but in any event, not more than \$75,000.00 to any individual member.

Respectfully submitted,

TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK DESIGN, INC., Individually and as the Representative of a Class of Similarly-Situated Persons

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Plaintiff demands trial by jury.

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VERIFICATION

I, Amy Tookey, being first duly swom on oath, depose and state as follows:

- 1. That I am the <u>AFICE Manager</u> of Telecommunications Network Design, Inc.
- 2. That I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of Telecommunications Network Design, Inc.
- 3. That I have read the allegations of this Class Action Complaint and find that the facts stated therein are true and correct, except to those matters alleged on information and belief which, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, are true and correct.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 7744 day of 1thin 2003.

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- No bank covenants
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- \$2,000 to \$100,000 no financials required
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APPENDIX D

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

INSPE ASSOCIATES, LTD.,)	
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	07 CH 18656
MATT TARANTO,)	
doing business as AESTHETIC)	
CONSULTING GROUP,)	
and JOHN DOES 1-10,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
	<u>ORDER</u>	

This matter coming to be heard on plaintiff's motion for designation of relatedness, all parties having notice and the court being fully advised in its premises, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Plaintiff's motion is granted pursuant to Cook County Circuit Rule 22.1.

The above-entitled and numbered cause having been previously assigned to Judge Meacham is reassigned to Judge Rochford as related to other cases alleging violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, *Telecommunications Network v. Bach Business Credit Inc.*, 03 CH 9246.

The above-entitled and numbered cause is hereby forwarded to Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County for reassignment to Judge Rochford.

The case management date set for November 30, 2007 at 10:15 a.m. is hereby stricken.

ENTERED:	
Dated:	
Judge	Judge's No.

Atty. No. 41106 Edelman, Combs, Latturner & Goodwin, LLC Atty. for Plaintiff 120 S. LaSalle Street, 18th Floor Chicago, Illinois 60603 312-739-4200